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- A lighting and safety unit for a trailer hitch,
 comprising:
- (a) a crossbar having first and second ends and a longitudinal center;
- (b) a mounting bar perpendicularly attached to the longitudinal center of said crossbar;
- (c) a lamp assembly disposed on each of said first and second ends of said crossbar; and
- (d) a wiring harness in electrical communication with each of said lamp assemblies.
- 2. The lighting and safety unit for a trailer hitch according to claim 1, further comprising an accessory mounting post attached to said mounting bar, the post extending perpendicular to a plane in which said crossbar and said mounting bar are disposed.
- 3. The lighting and safety unit for a trailer hitch according to claim 2, further comprising a lighting and safety accessory disposed on said accessory mounting post.

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- 4. The lighting and safety unit for a trailer hitch according to claim 2, further comprising an elevated lighting assembly having:
- (a) a lighting assembly post having lower and upper ends, the lower end of said lighting accessory post being removably mounted to said accessory mounting post;
- (b) an accessory crossbar having first and second ends and a longitudinal center, said accessory crossbar being perpendicularly disposed on the upper end of said lighting accessory post; and
- (c) a lamp assembly disposed on each of said first and second ends of said accessory crossbar.
- 5. The lighting and safety unit for a trailer hitch according to claim 2, further comprising a strobe assembly having:
- (a) a strobe support post having lower and upper ends, said lower and of said strobe support post being removably mounted to said accessory mounting post; and
- (b) a strobe light disposed on said upper end of said strobe support post.

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LITMAN LAW OFFICES, LTD. P.O. BOX 15035 ARLINGTON, VA 22215 (703) 486-1000 6. The lighting and safety unit for a trailer hitch according to claim 1, further comprising a tow hook attached to said mounting bar.

- 7. The lighting and safety unit for a trailer hitch according to claim 1, wherein each said lamp assembly further comprises:
 - (a) a mounting bracket; and
- (b) a lamp pivotally mounted to said mounting bracket such that the lamp may be horizontally and vertically redirected.
- 8. The lighting and safety unit for a trailer hitch according to claim 1, further comprising at least one reflector disposed on said cross bar.
- 9. The lighting and safety unit for a trailer hitch according to claim 8, wherein said at least one reflector consists of a single strip of reflective tape extending substantially between the ends of said cross bar.